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# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

### PACIFIC SLOPE CONGRESS

With a program closely approach- National Council strength and lity, and with several hundred egates expected from California, gon, Washington, Idaho and Utah, Pacific Slope Congregational Con- ss, to be held in Portland, Oregon, tember 18 to 20, promises to be of the most important assemblies t Congregationalists have ever held the Pacific Coast.

ome of the most prominent Congre- ional leaders, from all parts of the ntry and from various foreign mis- nary fields, will come to the Pacific ast for this Congress. Dr. Ozora S. vis, Moderator of our National ncil, will give three of the import- addresses. His subjects are: "Why Was the Parson Impatient?", ermanent Warrants for Christian pansion," and "The Apostolic Pas- n in the Modern World." Dr. James Barton, secretary emeritus of the erican Board, who is probably the st known missionary statesman in erica today, speaks on three topics: ew Internationalism and Modern ucation," "The Moslem Challenge to vilization," and "The Unchartered lvance of Christianity."

Two of our strongest missionaries om the foreign field will be present the Congress. Dr. Frank C. Lau- ch, of the Philippine Islands, will ve two addresses: "A Shrinking orld With the Door Locked," and What the Orient May Do for Us." Why I Am Going Back to China" ill be the subject of an address by . Paul R. Reynolds of Fenchow.

Mrs. Lydia Lord Davis, of Oberlin, hio, a prominent leader in our mis- onary enterprise, will give an eve- ng address on, "The Court-Yard and e Palace." She will also speak at ie special women's session. Other peakers at this session will be: Mrs. . O. Baird of Seattle, Miss Estella oe of Japan, Mrs. Oxora S. Davis of hicago, Mrs. Robert E. Brown of akland, Mrs. L. W. Fifield of Seattle nd Mrs. E. C. Norton of Claremont, alifornia.

President Herman F. Swartz, of the acific School of Religion, Berkeley, ill conduct an important fact-finding tudy dealing with "The Church on ie Pacific Slope." Facts about par- icular parts of the situation will be resented by Superintendent L. O. aird of Washington, Superintendent laton S. Rice of Idaho, Secretary Paul . Waterhouse of Southern California, nd Mr. Fred M. Wilcox of Los ngeles.

"Our Enlarging Parish" will be the heme of Superintendent George F. Kenngott of Southern California. Dr. harles C. Merrill of Chicago, Promo- ion Secretary of the Commission on Missions, will lead a discussion that ill grapple with some of the most ital problems that confront our de- omination today, and will also give n address on, "Some Imperative De- ands of Our New Day."

"This Ministry in the Modern Vorld" will be the subject of an ddress by Dr. O. W. S. McCall of Berkeley. There will be two dinner essions, with Dr. Robert E. Brown of Oakland, and Mrs. Bertha K. Landes, f Seattle, the speakers. "For Their Sake I Sanctify Myself" will be the devotional theme. The addresses under this heading will be given by: Rev. Clement G. Clarke of Portland, Dr. L. W. Fifield of Seattle, Dr. Brown, Dr. McCall and Dr. Joel Harper of Spokane. A picnic celebration will be held on Council Crest, a beautiful viewpoint on the edge of the city, that was named when the National Council met in Portland, thirty years ago.

All sessions in the Congress will be held at the First Congregational Church, Park and Madison streets, Portland, and visiting delegates will be entertained by the Congregational churches of the city on the Harvard plan. All Congregational churches in this State are invited to send accredited delegates to the Congress. The names of delegates desiring entertainment, should be sent, not later than September 12, to Rev. J. W. Price, 406 Railway Exchange Building, Portland. There will be a registration fee of one dollar, and two complimentary dinners will be served to the registered delegates.

### THE MEMORY LINGERS

It is surprising how the details of an inspirational meeting such as our Conference at Asilomar fades with the passing of the weeks. It is likewise surprising how the memory of it lingers and causes us to refer to its mighty influence as we meet and recall the happy days we had together.

The Conference of this year has demonstrated the wisdom of our joint endeavor to keep the fires burning in the hearts of both old and young in our Congregational circle. Without a dissenting vote we decided to do it again next year, at the same place and about the same time. We further resolved that we would make it larger and do it better.

We had a record attendance with practically uniform attendance from the first meal until the last. We had a wonderful spirit with nothing to mar the attractiveness of program and administration. The business passed along without friction or tiresome debate. We have a fine corps of officials ready to give wholehearted service during the coming year.

Moderator White proved the man for the hour. Our new moderator is Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Martinez. Dr. Waddell and Mr. Holmes are to be congratulated on the fine work they did in organization and direction, not to mention the splendid men and women associated with them. Edmund Owens made an excellent scribe and the hosts and hostesses helped the management in securing for us most excellent food in abundance.

Space forbids our elaborating on the addresses the discussions and the teaching work of so varied a program. The Resolutions committee was most considerate and set a precedent worth copying, in confining their resolutions to our own Conference affairs. There were several who felt that somewhere in the proceedings we had given recognition to our office secretary, Mrs. Anna L. Gillman, for the most generous service she gave to both conferences, for it was rendered as a service of love as well as an official requirement. We do it in this way, that she may have some reward.

To single out the speakers without mentioning all would be unwise as all appeared and did their best to make the gathering of high order. We wish to thank them through these columns and remind them that they are still remembered and often quoted in post group assemblies. It was a glad occasion and is a shadow of what awaits us in 1929.

### THE TEAM VISITATION

From September 25 to October 4, we are to have a team of missionary workers composed of Dr. C. C. Merrill, leader, Dr. Frank C. Laubach of the Philippine Islands and Miss Miriam Woodberry. A reception and lunch will be given to them and to Dr. Ozora Davis, on Tuesday noon, Sept. 25, at First Church, San Francisco, by the Minister's Club of the Bay region. On the day following there will be a joint meeting of the Bay Association and the Woman's Federation at First Church, Oakland. Dr. Davis is to give a course of lectures on the Earl Foundation at First Church, Berkeley, on the evenings of September 25, 27 and 28, and will speak at the joint gathering on the 26th.

The balance of the itinerary will be as follows unless notification goes forth to the contrary:

Thursday, Sept. 27.—Petaluma—All day meeting.

Friday, Sept. 28—Palo Alto—Auspices of ladies.

Sunday, Sept. 30—Speakers in different churches.

Monday, Oct. 1—Day meeting at Loomis.

Monday, Oct. 1—Dr. Laubach at men's meeting, Sacramento.

Tuesday, Oct. 2—Team at Lodi.

Wednesday, Oct. 3—Fresno—Miss Woodberry and Dr. Merrill.

Thursday, Oct. 4.—Porterville—Miss Woodberry and Dr. Merrill.

To these centers we invite our local churches to send their representatives and where possible to arrange some auxiliary meeting, where one of the speakers address a dinner or luncheon gathering while others are at the scheduled center. We will appreciate hearty co-operation in making these meetings serviceable to the churches and to our several missionary societies.

### FALL MEETING

The fall meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held jointly with the Bay Association meeting on Wednesday, September 26. The program includes a discussion of women's church organizations, an address on Social Service Work by Dr. Edith Bryan and reports from the Pacific Slope Congress, besides addresses by Miss Miriam Woodberry, Dr. Merrill, Dr. Laubach of the Philippines, and Dr. Ozora S. Davis, moderator of the National Council. Three of our missionaries will be present: Edith Sanderson, Bertha Allen and Estella Coe.

### CARD OF THANKS

The Editors wish to express their thanks to those kind friends in our churches who have so diligently worked to send us the renewals and also new subscriptions from among their church people.

### THE FALL THANKOFFERING

The autumn season brings us the happy privilege of sharing in the coming Jubilee of the West Central Africa Mission.

One reason why Africa has been called "the Dark Continent" is that for so many years it was unknown to the rest of the world. Now it is coming into the light. We find a continent where Nature has been most lavish in gifts and man most ruthless in exploitation. In that great continent there are only two autonomous native states, Abyssinia and Liberia. Everywhere else is seen the hand of the spoiler.

But where man's sin has abounded, God's grace shall yet more abound. Nearly fifty years ago, Rev. William Sanders and two companions, after two weks' journey from the west coast by hammock or oxen, found themselves in the land of Ovimbundu, a virile people numbering about a million. They were without written language, and enslaved to a religion of fear, of which the witch doctor with his body—and soul—destroying practices, was the fitting exponent.

Dr. Sanders has lived to complete, with others, a translation of the New Testament, and to see five mission stations manned by over thirty resident missionaries, 175 out-stations with 300 native pastors and preachers, 4,000 church members, a mission press, and a large educational and medical work.

But success brings its own perils. The supply never keeps pace with the need. There is no American Board hospital, no buildings and equipment for teaching agriculture, no school for missionary children, no funds for opening up work in the promising port city of Lobito, no mission house awaiting the young couple now under appointment.

The Thankoffering Committee, appointed by the Promotional Council of the Commission on Missions, offers to those churches of our denomination throughout this country who have met their apportionment, the privilege of contributing at our autumn Thankoffering meeting to the Jubilee Building Fund of the West Central Africa Mission. Our aim is $100,000; $7,500 will build a hospital unit, $2,500 a school dormitory, $2,000 a missionary residence. How much can your state do?

Secretary Patton has prepared an inspiring Thankoffering service in which he introduces two missionaries and a native pastor; a booklet will be furnished free called "Angola After Fifty Years," also a leaflet called "Year of Jubilee—West Africa Mission," which is a condensation of the same. Plays on Africa are available for a small price also Thankoffering invitations, envelopes and "Thanksgiving baskets." All of these may be obtained at Regional headquarters.

Will not all the churches of this state unitedly observe the Sunday preceding or following Thanksgiving in a Thankoffering service which will not only enrich the treasury of the American Board, but your own hearts as well?

## PERSONALS

We regret to report that Rev. J. R. Shoemaker was knocked down by an automobile on Grand avenue, Oakland, Friday, August 17. He was taken to Merritt Hospital where it was found that he had a simple fracture of the skull and a broken leg. After discharge from the hospital he will be taken to Sacramento for convalescence. Mrs. Shoemaker has been with him and will care for him at Sacramento.

We missed, at the Conference, the genial presence of our Conference Treasurer, Mr. F. P. Cole. It was necessary for him to go to Fabiola Hospital for an operation. His remarkable constitution served him well in a critical hour. He is at home and making rapid progress toward recovery.

For a few weeks our Congregational family looked anxiously for news concerning Prof. John Wright Buckham who underwent a serious operation at the University Hospital. After several weeks of treatment there he returned home where home comforts did much to assist recovery.

Word comes to us that Mr. E. T. Leiter has had a severe attack of the flu and must be housed for a while so that he may get rest. He has been a loyal servant of our churches serving on both the Conference Board and as a trustee of the Bay Association.

Word also comes that the illness of Rev. W. G. Trower continues and that he feels that he must resign his work at Weaverville. Trinity County is a hard and exacting task for a minister. Mr. and Mrs. Trower have given us most excellent service there and we trust that he may yet get back to health and ministry.

Sympathy goes out to Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Currie of Redwood City in the loss by fire of their beautiful home. With the loss of the house and furnishings was the loss of valuable keepsakes which they had been collecting for years.

Rev. Thomas H. Wright of Fruitvale has resigned his pastorate there in order to pursue his studies in the East. During the few months he served this church he gave it most helpful leadership. We wish he might have tarried with us.

The Conference Superintendent was admitted to San Quentin on a recent Sunday to give an address to the prison Christian Endeavor Society. This organization has been sponsored for several years by two Congregational laymen, without remuneration of any kind. These two men are Leon Osteryee of San Rafael and Stuart Thompson of Ripon. One will travel far to find more appreciative auditors.

Miss Estelle Coe is in San Francisco for a few weeks prior to her sailing to Japan. She and Miss Bertha Allen will sail on the same boat after their furloughs in this country.

## SAN MATEO

During the absence of Dr. Kloss on his European tour, Rev. C. H. Stevens, formerly pastor of the church and more recently from Lodi, has been supplying the pulpit. At his closing service there, Mr. Stevens gave the story of the Passion Play in vivid word pictures.

## A CORRECTION

We are glad to report that there are more Congregational Endeavors than we gave credit for in our last issue. In a note from Paul Brown received recently, we learn that there are almost three thousand in the state, lacking only six. No doubt by this time the six more have been added to the rolls.

## REV. GEO. H. DE KAY

Having lived to see Prohibition, to which cause his life had been devoted, an accepted fact Rev. Geo. H. De Kay passed away August 25 at the home of his son in Berkeley.

Born at the beginning of the Civil War in a small New York village, educated in the public schools, working in lumber camps, on railroad construction work meeting men in the rough and being one with them, Mr. DeKay felt the call of the Lord's service in his late twenties.

Responding to this call he entered the Oberlin Theological seminary about 1888 and worked his way through the next two years washing dishes, tending furnaces, doing anything to secure the education he desired. After graduation he was called to his first pastorate in Greenwich, Ohio, to which place he brought his bride.

Coming to California in 1892 to the church at Tulare he saw the effects of the liquor traffic in the average small California town and began his battle against it. In Santa Monica he was pastor of the first Prohibition Congregational Church to be established under that name and later assisted in building the church at Norwalk, Calif., where he was pastor for four years.

In 1900 he was called to the church at Lodi and during the next four years battled for the cause of local option. And during these years of fighting liquor traffic he was able to list among his friends many of those who owned and operated the very business he was so bitterly opposed to.

Coming to Berkeley in 1906 in order to secure the best educational facilities for his growing family he engaged in the real estate business carrying on this with his oldest son until the entrance of the United States into the World War. Although over the age limit for Y. M. C. A. war secretaries he applied and was accepted for this work and was shortly assigned to transport duty between the Atlantic seaports and France. Twelve round trips were made across the Atlantic, several during the submarine warfare and under the most trying conditions.

His war diaries show the most unstinted devotion to this work with never a thought of personal comfort; work that often commenced at two in the morning and continued till late at night in order that the boys might be supplied with games, reading and writing materials, words of cheer, anything that it was within his power to do or give. To thousands he was known as "Dad" and letters continue to come from many parts of the world from his boys.

After the war two round trips were made to Russia on transport service and then the call came to take the pastorate at Kahului on the Island of Maui. After a year's pastorate the call was given for the second time to accept the position of Anti-Saloon League Superintendent for the Hawaiian Territory and this work taken over from Honolulu.

The next few years were happily devoted to the work in which he was most interested and carried on with a great measure of success along newer lines—educational work among the younger generation in law observance. The work necessitated a considerable amount of travel among the various islands, over roads that were far from good, in all conditions of weather. Miles of daily travel with visits and talks to as many as six or more schools in a day, and all with results for the work in hand, together with the effects of the war work took their toll and after the death of Mrs. DeKay in 1925 he resigned from the work.

A trip through the Orient and several months of complete change enabled him to accept the repeated call to again take up the work in Honolulu which was carried on until January of this year. At this time failing health forced him to resign and a trip around the world was taken with the hopes that the rest and change would be beneficial. However, the results were not as desired and he hurried back to California which has always been home to him.

The past three months have been months of uncomplaining suffering cheerfully borne. At the end he was ready for the final call and eager for it and passed away during his sleep.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Miles Fisher and Rev. Geo. Atkinson, friends for more than a generation, and especially desired by him for the farewell service. Dr. Lawrence Cross assisted as pastor for the family.

He leaves two sons, George and Chester, in Berkeley, a daughter, Helen De Kay Millham in New York and Mary DeKay Deardorff in Seattle.

## ARMENIAN WORK

Rev. M. G. Papazian has been released by the Pilgrim Church of Fresno for a year, to accept the office of general Evangelist and Home Secretary of the Armenian Missionary Association of America. This is the organization which by a special agreement co-operates with the American Board to conduct the Armenian Missions in Syria, Greece, Egypt, Armenia and France. His function will require his visiting every Armenian Church of the Protestant faith in the United States. His headquarters will be in New York City.

Some figures covering Mr. Papazian's pastorate in Fresno are interesting:

346 added to the membership of the church.

153 funeral services conducted.

156 marriages solemnized.

295 persons baptized, all but five or six being children.

One hundred twenty-three thousand six hundred and fifty-one dollars was given by the church toward home expenses and missionary contributions, excluding the sale of the old church property. Besides this, there were many items of benevolence for other relief and charitable purposes.

The pastor has given much time to outside work, campaigning for the Near East Relief, speaking as war lecturer, besides other platform work.

Our best wishes go with Mr. Papazian in his new work.

## FALL THANKOFFERING SUPPLIES

For a number of years the churches in Northern California have been taking an active interest in the fall thank offering, a number of them using the services prepared by the eastern offices, sometimes in union services with other denominations.

What have we gained from the Thankoffering? The tangible results are:

1. A spur to raise the apportionment, that we may give an added free-will offering; and

2. Much needed buildings in destitute fields.

The intangible results are even more significant—a great spiritual uplift, and an added bond to union through giving to one common object.

After a church has met its apportionment, the Thank Offering Committee has a very attractive special for which churches all over the country are working, this year for the Jubilee Fund of the West Central Africa Mission. Secretary Cornelius H. Patton, D. D. of the American Board, has prepared the thank-offering service for this fall, which allows for an address on The Harvest-Field of Angola.

Supplies for the fall thank offering have already arrived and are on sale in the Conference office, at the following prices:

Boxes (new),.....1c each
Envelopes.....½c each
Invitations.....70c hundred
Programs.....1c each

Out of your experience, as thy heart, so thy gift.

Listed below are the slides in offices on the Pacific Coast. The names after the slides indicate the offices in which they are stationed at the present time.

## SLIDES

### FOREIGN

The American Board, San Francisco
Beyond the Pyrenees, San Francisco
Buddhism, San Francisco
Congregational Shrines, San Francisco
English Shrines, San Francisco
Hinduism, Los Angeles
Mohammedanism, San Francisco
Ministry of Healing, San Francisco
Boys and Girls Abroad, San Francisco
Angola, San Francisco
Black Man in White Man's Africa, Los Angeles
Forward March of the Zulus, San Francisco
Four Thousand Miles Through Africa, Seattle
Trekking Across Rhodesia, San Francisco
American Board in New Near East, Seattle
Awakened India, San Francisco
Glimpses in the Marathi Mission, Seattle
Madura and Its Missions, San Francisco
Under Ceylon's Palms, Los Angeles
Village Life in India, San Francisco
Beautiful Foochow, San Francisco
China's Great Day, Los Angeles
In Far Shansi, San Francisco
Tientsin, San Francisco
Up the Min to Shaowu, Seattle
Upward Trail in Shaowu, San Francisco
Japan, Land of Lotus Flower, San Francisco
Springtime in Japan, Los Angeles
Farm, Field and Factory in Japan, Seattle
Beyond the Rio Grande, Los Angeles
Coral Islands of the Pacific, San Francisco
Thrilling Tale of Philippines, Los Angeles
Voyaging Among the Philippines, Seattle

### HOME MISSIONS

Near East in Far West, San Francisco
Climbing Jacob's Ladder, San Francisco
Mission Projects, San Francisco
Our Children in Every Land, San Francisco
Our Mountain Top School, San Francisco
Seventy-Five Years in Americanization, Seattle
Investments and Dividends, San Francisco
On the Trail of Columbus in Porto Rico, San Francisco

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# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

## NINTH ANNUAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE, POMONA COLLEGE, CLAREMONT, JUNE 30-JULY 7, 1928

In point of attendance, enthusiasm, goals and accomplishments, the Ninth Annual Young People's Conference, June 30-July 7, held on the Pomona College Campus, reached the same high level achieved by its predecessors.

Despite torn and bad streets in process of reconstruction, the little town of Claremont was its loveliest and the weather man refrained from washing up his usual brand of summer fog at until after the adjournment, Saturday noon.

Under the inspiring leadership of such personalities as Superintendent George F. Kenngott, Rev. W. G. Pierce and Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, the dean, president and executive secretary, respectively, the conference made real history for the young people of the 125 Congregational churches of Southern California.

Registration amounted to 205, the largest delegation coming from the Church of the Messiah, with a total of 37 delegates. Others scattered all the way from Bakersfield in the North to the torrid regions of Imperial Valley in the South.

Mrs. Laura McAllister, assisted by her corps of devoted, efficient helpers, was as a motherly and gracious hostess to the 150 girls who were housed in the beautiful Harwood Court. As in previous years the boys were domiciled in the Pomona College Training Quarters and at Taylor and Lincoln Halls. Rev. Shelton Bissell of San Dimas, being chief counsellor, was ably assisted by a fine group of men.

A change was made this year, which worked out very much to the advantage of the conference. Through the generosity of the Claremont Community (Congregational) Church, Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, pastor, practically all the activities were centered in his beautiful new Guild Hall, recently dedicated. The concentration of recitations and evening entertainments in this parish house, with its completely equipped stage and many class rooms, tended to produce a sense of solidarity among the members of the conference, which has not been felt before with recitations scattered throughout various class rooms in Pomona College.

Chapel services in the Community Church were this year under the direction of Mr. Raymond Moremen, himself a graduate of Pomona College, a member of the Lyman Male Quartette, and at present organist and choir director of Long Beach Congregational Church. The beauty and artistry of the services were most delightful. The choir consisted of Mr. Moremen's class in "Church Music and Worship."

Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse and Miss Sarah Swartz provided ample and varied opportunities for the young people to exercise their athletic proclivities. The afternoon hours, which were devoted to directed recreation, were given over to tennis, basketball, baseball, track and swimming. The climax of social life was reached on the afternoon and evening of July 4. Through the courtesy of the Claremont Indian Hill Golf Club, the clubhouse and links were thrown open to the use of the conference. During the latter part of the afternoon, faculty and students, and many visiting friends from nearby towns and cities, enjoyed themselves to the utmost with the usual run of games. Quite the feature of the afternoon was the baseball match by the staid, stiff-jointed members of the faculty and counsellors and nimble-footed boy students. The adding machine employed to compute the runs quite broke down under the strain, but it was reliably reported that the final score was something like 40 to 0, in favor of the boys. Picnic supper was served as the black mountains threw their lengthening shadows over the golf course.

Permission was given the conference to join with the Claremont community in the evening celebration on the alumni field and the day closed in a blaze of pyro-technics and the din of exploding torpedoes and crackers.

And yet a postscript must be added. Like many postscripts as important as the letter itself. An orderly but highly enthusiastic pajamas parade and tuneful (?) serenade was conducted by the boys to the green sward beneath the windows of Harwood Court.

The religious mood was fittingly expressed in both the Sunday evening service, by Rev. John Gardner of Riverside, and communion in the Community Church on the last night, led by President Herman F. Swartz. The purpose of the conference was fully realized as expressed in the folder, "A week of training, inspiration, recreation and Christian fellowship in a wholesome environment and under careful supervision for the young people of the Congregational churches of Southern California."

The conference feels that its thanks should be especially expressed to the Claremont Community Church, and to Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, its pastor; and to Rev. John R. Lyons, who so pleasantly and efficiently gave his services to those who were directing the recreational life.

The cup was awarded to the Santa Ana delegation of 12 by a unanimous vote of the Student Council and Faculty Executives. Both Santa Barbara and San Diego received hoonrable mention. The athletic pennant was won by Messiah, the long-distance pennant by Calipatria, Messiah taking the largest delegation pennant as well.

## THE JAPANESE GIRLS' CAMP

Nearly 50 girls were registered at the Summer Camp, at Pacific Palisades, for the week of August 20 to 27. One reason for the large registration this year is that the girls who went last year reported such a wonderfully good time that everybody was anxious to go this time. Mrs. Leech of the Union Church was in charge, having as her helpers Miss Douglas of San Bernardino, Miss Harker and Miss Satow of the Christian Institute and Mrs. Sashahara of the Union Church. The morning schedule began with a flag raising at 7:15 a. m., followed by Bible study and discussion groups, a mission study course, and closed with tent meetings where each leader met her own group to sum up the morning's work and talk over personal problems. Recreation in the afternoon, flag lowering and supper at 6 p. m. and then the best part of the day, a camp fire, where the most effective work of the day was done. The camp this year was certainly a very great success.

## JAPANESE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

The Second Annual Conference of the "Japanese Christian Young People's Federation of Southern California" was held at the Christian Institute on Wall street on August 19. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of representatives from all parts of Southern California. The report of both the president and the treasurer showed a great advance over last year. The theme of the conference was, "Thy Will Be Done," and emphasis was laid by the three speakers, Setsuko Nakadate of San Diego, Toshikazu Miyawaki of Wintersburg and Aiiji Hashii of Moneta, not on resignation, but on really doing the will of God. Special music, installation of officers and the closing address by Dr. Roy Akagi helped to make this conference a very impressive one. The social hour after the formal meetings was enjoyed by all.

## COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Church organizations not carrying compensation insurance are operating in direct violation of the California Workman's Compensation and Safety Act.

Such insurance being mandatory, each church organization not insured should secure a policy immediately. Applications for this insurance may be obtained from the State Compensation Insurance Fund, State Building, Civic Center, San Francisco, Calif., or 925 Sun Finance Building, Los Angeles, Calif.

The rates are as follows: Pastors and assistants—organist and members of choir, 09c per $100 of earnings. All employees engaged in care, custody and maintenance of premises, .97c per $100 of earnings—each policy being subject to a minimum premium of $15.

## LOCAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

**KERN ASSOCIATION:** Friday, October 5, at Oildale.

**SAN BERNARDINO:** Wednesday October 10, at Corona.

**SAN DIEGO:** Friday, October 12, at La Mesa Central, San Diego.

**LOS ANGELES:** Tuesday, October 16, at Olivet, Los Angeles.

We expect from the East the following speakers for these association meetings: President Ozora Davis, moderator of the National Council; Rev. C. C. Merrill, D. D., secretary of the Commission on Missions, and Miss Miriam Woodberry, representing Home Extension Boards.

**SHERMAN:** Rev. E. Ellsworth Smith, pastor, writes as follows regarding equipment for the half a dozen or more Sunday school rooms, which have been added recently to the church property:

"This addition requires one or more pianos and a lot of extra chairs. Our improvements have cost half as much again as we had planned and we have not succeeded in covering the cost. We are wondering if some of the larger churches would have a piano or chairs that they could spare; or any church or person of means who would be interested in helping to meet these needs of our church. Any help of that kind would be fully appreciated by our church.

## NOTES FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE DIRECTORS, JULY 10, 1928

**MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE:** A new mimeograph machine was bought and paid for. Voted: That the treasurer be authorized to pay whatever balance may be due for the Young People's Conference expenses.

**BUILDING SOCIETY AID FOR BUENA PARK:** Mrs. Doolittle presented the report from the committee at Buena Park, and asked $5,000 loan and $2,500 grant. Voted: That the matter be left with the treasurer, superintendent and moderator, with power to act.

**ALPINE:** Voted: Three months more at $20 a month missionary aid, beginning July 1.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Dr. Kenngott read letters from Dr. Philip Allen Swartz of Honolulu, Dr. Raymond C. Brooks of Pomona College, Rev. C. N. Hand of Pomona College and Rev. J. B. Toomay of Ontario regarding Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Rev. Sidney Buckham was invited in to sit with the committee, and after making a statement and answering questions, the board of directors voted unanimously to engage Mr. Buckham as educational secretary, to begin November 1, with a salary of $250 a month and traveling expenses (such traveling expenses as may be required in the performance of his duties), with the provision of 60 days' notice on either side for discontinuance and one month's vacation each year. Mr. Buckham was then informed of the action and invited to sit with the board for the remainder of the morning. (Subsequently, Mr. Buckham accepted the call, beginning November 1, 1928.)

**NEW WORK COMMITTEE:** Rev. Henry B. Mowbray reported that Mr. Don Gaylord was at Norco and Mr. James Boyd at East Highlands for student work for two months each.

**MINISTERIAL RELIEF:** Dr. Kenngott reported a communication from Dr. William Ewing of Claremont in regard to Mr. Perkins, a retired missionary of the American Board, saying that Mr. Perkins had not kept up his association membership. As he was in need of aid the committee was given power to do whatever may be possible to obtain immediate funds for him.

**WOMEN'S WORK:** Mrs. Richards reported that the financial campaign for Kobe College Corporation would be managed by an interdenominational group to care for the California quota.

**WEST COAST OF MEXICO:** Mr. Wilcox reported that the American Board had nominated President James A. Blaisdell of Pomona College and Mrs. W. W. Ferrier of Berkeley as members of the committee. They were unanimously chosen. Mr. Wilcox also reported that the Mexican Mission had nominated Dr. John Howland and Rev. C. E. Crawford to represent them on the West Coast of Mexico Committee.

**VENTURA:** Resolved: That whereas the Ventura Congregational Church entered into an agreement to pay the conference $7,500 from the proceeds of the sale of its property, and

WHEREAS, up to this time the church has failed to pay this amount,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the treasurer be and is hereby instructed to take all necessary legal steps through the conference attorney to enforce the payment of the $7,500 agreed on.

**CARTHAY CENTER:** Dr. Kenngott reported that the Ecclesiastical Council was held Sunday, July 8, and the church recognized as a Congregational Church. It reported 139 members and about 200 in the Sunday school.

**PACIFIC BROADCASTING FEDERATION:** Rev. Gross W. Alexander and Dr. Snudden of the Methodist Committee were given 10 minutes in which to present the matter to the board. Voted: That we endorse the project and that the chairman appoint a committee of five to co-operate with the other denominations. Carried. The following committee was appointed: Mr. C. E. Spaulding, Dr. Lloyd C. Douglas, Mr. Blake Franklin, Rev. H. F. Burr and Mrs. Toomay of Ontario.

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## DEDICATIONS

Continued from the August issue.

**6. POMONA MEXICAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**—The dedication of the Pomona Mexican Church on June 17 marks a new era in home missionary activity.

The committee that worked out the program for the construction of the new edifice was composed of representative men and women from the various churches and other organizations, thus making it a community affair of a co-operative nature.

Among the more active groups that contributed to the enterprise are the Pilgrim Congregational, First and Trinity Methodist and Episcopal churches of Pomona and the Bethel Congregational church of Ontario. Various business concerns as well as private individual concerns made generous contributions.

The cost of the building was $16,000 including furnishings. Five thousand dollars of this amount (one-half loan and one-half grant) came from the Congregational Church Building Society. The Southern California Conference invested $3,000 including the old property that was formerly used for mission purposes and was sold for $1,500. At the time there remained an indebtedness of $1,500 which was all secured, $6,500 being contributed from Pomona and vicinity.

The dedicatorial service was unique and impressive in many ways. A larger audience than could be accommodated arrived to enjoy the program. Splendid music was furnished by the Mexican people of the city. Rev. W. A. Reynolds of the First Methodist church presented the financial side of the program and his able presentation of the cause brought forth a hearty response. Various ministers of the city were present and very materially assisted. The presentation of the keys was very appropriately done by Rev. Albert J. Davis of Claremont, Mr. C. E. D. Ballou, chairman of the Building Committee, and Senor Guadalupe Manjarres, one of the elder members of the Mexican church. Rev. Eucarion M. Sein delivered the dedicatorial address in which he appealed in eloquent words for the spiritual needs of his people and portrayed the wholesome nature of the kindly co-operation evidenced in the co-operative program brought out in the consummation of the beautiful edifice.

We are happy in the hopeful outlook of the splendid enterprise and believe that it presages a better day in the large task that is ours. The splendid memorials that were dedicated to veteran workers, Mary B. Dunning, Henry M. Bissell and Miss Harriet Crawford, came as an eloquent testimony to the faith and loyalty of pioneer workers and will be an inspiration to consecrated endeavor of those who endeavor to carry the world forward.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Crawford, formerly in missionary work in Mexico are in charge of the work. Their knowledge of the Mexican people and their language, and their devotion to the work inspires its prosperity and we trust merits the undivided loyalty of the sister churches.

**7. TEHACHAPI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**—The Tehachapi Church was dedicated on Sunday, June 17, with services at 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. The church stands on Main street on a corner lot near the center of the city. The site consists of three lots with 150 feet on the Main street. The building is of a tan color, with an auditorium seating over 200, and a basement well lighted and ventilated which will seat over 100 in the dining room.

Two hundred at least attended the morning services of Dedication when the chorus of twenty voices rendered excellent music. Rev. J. T. Munton, the pastor, presided; Rev. LaRue C. Watson, pastor of the Avalon Church, preached the sermon and the Conference Superintendent gave an address and led in raising the funds. The church building, exclusive of the lots, with the furnishings, cost $6,000, toward which labor and material were contributed. Aside from the Roman Catholic church it is the only church in the entire community. Originally the church was Methodist and then by the request of the community it became a Congregational church in 1920. The first pastor of the Congregational church was Rev. LaRue C. Watson.

The church has been greatly handicapped in its service through the fact that it has had no building, the people worshipping in the public school building and later in the parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Munton began their work at Tehachapi about a year ago and have done a remarkable piece of work as shown by the increase in the church membership and the erection of this much-needed house of worship.

On the day of the Dedication, it appeared that the people themselves had raised $3,300 and that they still needed $2,700. Toward this the church had $1,000 outstanding in good pledges and had the assurance of aid from the Congregational Church Building Society to the extent of $700 grant and $700 loan. About $650 was raised on the day of the Dedication. In the afternoon service the sermon was preached by the Conference Superintendent and addresses were made by Rev. N. Luther Packard, pastor of the Arvin Congregational Church, bringing greetings from the Kern Association, and by the mayor of the city and by the president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Munton was originally a Salvation Army Captain, then became a Methodist minister, and later a Congregational minister. He and Mrs. Munton occupy the Congregational parsonage at Tehachapi where he preaches in the morning. Then he preaches at Mojave in the evening and on a week-night at Monolith, near Tehachapi, on the way to Mojave.

The Methodist church at Mojave has voted to become a Congregational church and doubtless the Kern Association in due time will vote to receive it into its fellowship. If more of our country and village communities could secure a man like Mr. Munton with all the fervor of a Salvation Army captain, the enthusiasm of a Methodist minister and the breadth of vision and the generous spirit of a first-class Congregational minister, and always a Christian gentleman, we might be able to annex some more Methodist churches.

## READING CIRCLE BOOKS
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## EDUCATION SECRETARY

It would seem advisable for the directors to define the duties of such a secretary. Negatively, this Secretary should not be an office man, for we do not need another office secretary, and if he is not primarily an office man there would be no need of another office room nor stenographer. He could have a desk in the office for meeting visitors and holding consultations and the present office force could take care of his routine correspondence and circular letters just as is now being done.

Positively, he should be out in the field, spending considerable time with the local church, for a period of about ten days covering two Sundays and the intervening days. With the Pastor he would make a survey of the field to discover the needs and opportunities and especially helping in the church educational program, not alone through the Sunday School and young people's groups, but through the whole church. He would have, during that period, an educational institute in the local church. He would also give help in the general administration of the church work, especially in setting up financial program for current expenses and benevolences through the Every Member Canvas, and in other ways. For the time being, he would be the Pastor's assistant in all departments.

During that period of ten days, with which he was with the local church, he could have evening meetings, one with the church officials, another with the Sunday school teachers and workers among the young people and another evening for an inspirational program.

Next, he would represent the conference in the religious educational program of the co-operating churches at the State University through its so-called Hall of Religion and in behalf of the Congregational students in the University. This would require an increasing amount of work probably.

Lastly, he would be expected to attend the meetings of the Council of Religious Education and co-operating with that Council in Interdenominational Institutes.

## THE PORTLAND CONGRESS

What promises to be the most outstanding gathering of Congregationalists on the Pacific Slope in a generation, save the National Council in Los Angeles, is this Congress on Missions to be held at First Church, Portland, September 18-20. It is under the direction of the Pacific Slope Regional Committee and the Commission of Missions of the National Council of Congregational Churches.

It is essentially a fact-finding conference with great inspirational messages. It is hoped that we may discover our particular place and task in the important missionary responsibilities that face our churches at home and abroad. We wish to make the task as concrete as possible and we are assembling the best leaders who can be obtained to assist us in this practical study.

Prominent among the speakers is our National Council Moderator, Dr. Ozora S. Davis, Dr. James L. Barton of the American Board, Dr. Frank C. Laubach of the Philippines, Dr. Paul R. Reynolds of China, Mrs. Lydia Lord Davis and Dr. C. C. Merrill, Secretary of Promotion for the Commission on Missions. These are our guests to this Congress. From Northern California we will have Dr. Robert E. Brown of First Church, Oakland, Dr. O. W. S. McCall of First, Berkeley; Dr. H. F. Swartz, President of the Pacific School of Religion; Mrs. Robert E. Brown of the Woman's Federation, and Mr. Wilbur B. Tupper, who will be toastmaster at the dinner on the first night. Superintendent Minchin is the President of the Congress and is to give the opening address. Southern California will be represented by Dr. George F. Kenngott. Paul B. Waterhouse, Fred M. Wilcox, Perry F. Shrock and Mrs. E. C. Norton of Claremont, Calif.

The daily devotional services, under different pastors on the coast, have a general theme the scripture—"For Their Sakes I Sanctify Myself."

All Congregational Churches of Washington, Oregon, California, Utah and Idaho are invited to send accredited delegates to the Congress. Each delegate will be asked to pay a one dollar registration fee. Accredited delegates will be entertained on the Harvard plan, lodging and breakfast free.

If you cannot attend and wish to be represented there are some worthy ministers who wish to go but cannot stand the expense so soon after vacation and gifts sent to the superintendents will help finance such a delegate or one of your own choosing. Please help in promoting this important missionary Congress!

## EXTENSION SOCIETY

The semi-annual meeting and dinner of the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles will be held in the First Congregational Church, 845 South Hope street, Los Angeles, on Tuesday evening, October 9th, 1928, beginning at 6 o'clock.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Rev. George E. Atkinson, recently elected as Conference delegate to the Christian Endeavor Union, has begun his duties by getting in touch with the officials. He has been pastoral counselor of Stanislaus-Merced Union five times, so is well acquainted with the work. Mr. Atkinson has been accepted into the State Christian Endeavor Executive Committee by the General State Secretary of the California Union.